

## **MEETING RECORD**

### **NAME OF GROUP:**

Urban Design Committee

### **DATE, TIME AND**

### **PLACE OF MEETING:**

Wednesday, August 2, 2006, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

### **MEMBERS AND OTHERS**

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Members: JoAnne Kissel, Thomas Saddler, Gordon Scholz and Kim Todd. (Mike Eckert, Scott Sullivan and Mary Anne Wells absent.)  
Others: Sam Mandolfo (Site Acquisition Consultants); Jeff Cole (Urban Development); Ed Zimmer, David Gaspers and Michele Abendroth of the Planning Department.

### **STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Regular Urban Design Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

### **Approval of meeting notes of July 5, 2006**

Kissel moved to approve July 5, 2006 minutes, seconded by Saddler. Motion carried 3-0. Kissel, Saddler and Scholz voting 'yes'; Todd abstaining; Eckert, Sullivan and Wells absent.

### **Wireless communication tower, west of Arnold Heights**

Sam Mandolfo stated that they are working on a project with Cingular Wireless for a cell tower west of Arnold Heights. They talked to the city about locating a tower on the water tower, but they could not get enough height or point of direction. They would like to build a new tower on the west side of the water tower. It will be at 120 feet in height, which is 15 feet above the height of the water tower. They are also providing space for another carrier for the future.

Zimmer commented that the most common public viewing would be from Nine Mile Prairie. It is a somewhat interesting view. He believes it is a good placement for the tower. It is on public property, and it is mostly screened by the water tower, and is grouped with another large object—the water tank.

Todd moved approval of the project, seconded by Kissel. Motion carried 4-0. Kissel, Saddler, Scholz and Todd voting 'yes'; Eckert, Sullivan and Wells absent.

### **Two Brothers vendor's cart**

Jeff Cole stated that he has had a request for a vendor cart from Two Brothers. The Committee is being asked to approve the appropriateness of materials, of which drawings were presented.

Todd moved approval of the project, seconded by Kissel. Motion carried 4-0. Kissel, Saddler, Scholz and Todd voting 'yes'; Eckert, Sullivan and Wells absent.

### **Gourmet Grill sidewalk café (14<sup>th</sup> and O Streets)**

Cole stated that an application was received for a sidewalk café at 14<sup>th</sup> and O at Gourmet Grill. The Police Department has been hesitant in the past to allow businesses to have sidewalk cafes in front of businesses, but they have since changed their position on this. They are in support of this application. Cole also noted that the furniture will be black metal.

Kissel moved approval of the project, seconded by Todd. Motion carried 4-0. Kissel, Saddler, Scholz and Todd voting 'yes'; Eckert, Sullivan and Wells absent.

### **Downtown Design Standards**

Ed Zimmer stated that staff has begun the process of drafting the downtown design standards proposed in the Downtown Master Plan. The intention is to have one set of downtown design guidelines. The Urban Design Committee will be the review body for the standards, except in cases of historic preservation and capitol environs issues. He will work with Urban Development and Downtown Lincoln Association in the process. The current guidelines were developed by Crandall Arambula, the consultant for the Downtown Master Plan. They are a rough draft and a beginning point for the guidelines. They will have a descriptive set of guidelines and a checklist on whether each criteria applies and meets the guidelines.

Zimmer stated that he will begin revising the draft document and asked the Commissioners to provide their comments to him prior to the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4:06 p.m.

*\*\*Please note that these minutes will not be formally approved until the next meeting of the Urban Design Committee. \*\**

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